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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the **PATENT APPLICATION** of:

Beecroft et al.

Application No.: 10/714,696

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COMPUTER NETWORKS

Group: 2157

Examiner: Ramy M. Osman

Our File: SHP-PT079

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REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.114

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Sir:

This Reply is being timely filed in response to the Office Action dated June 23, 2008 and is submitted in conjunction with an appropriate petition for extension of time. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is filed concurrently herewith.

Applicants would like to conduct a telephonic interview with the Examiner prior to the submission of an Office Action.

Please amend the application without prejudice or disclaimer as follows: